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Chairman A. J. Altmeyer Reports on Program of Social Security Board

In a year-end statement issued from Washington this week, Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board, made the following report of progress under the Social Security Act:

"With the close of this year social security as a national program in this country passes its third milestone. The work of the Social Security Board during 1938, in collaboration with the other federal and state agencies concerned, brings us up to the new year with a substantial record of accomplishment.

Two and a Half Million Benefit

"We have at least one federal-state program of public assistance to the needy in every state and territory of the United States. The federal government, by grants of money, helps the participating states to provide cash payments monthly to needy old people, the needy blind, and for dependent children. All the states are taking part in the program for needy old people. Forty-two states are taking part in the program for the needy blind, and the same number in that for dependent children. All told, about two and one-half million men, women and children are being directly aided through these monthly cash allowances from federal, state and local funds. A total from all these sources of one billion dollars has been paid to beneficiaries under these assistance programs since the Social Security Act went into operation.

"We now have thirty-one states paying unemployment insurance benefits. In all the remaining states but two benefits will be payable in January, and after next July all the states will have reached this stage of full operation. Up to November 30, 1938, three and one-half million unemployed workers in twenty-nine states had received benefits amounting to about \$368,000,000.

Forty-two Million Accounts

"We have more than forty-two million old-age insurance accounts on our books—representing an average gain of nearly half a million a month during 1938. Every worker covered by the old-age insurance plan is now building up his rights to a regular monthly retirement benefit. Meanwhile we are paying lump-sum claims at the rate of more than 15,000 a month to insured workers who have reached 65 years of age, and to the families of those who have died—claims amounting so far to about eleven million dollars.

Predicts Changes in Law

"The new year will bring, no doubt, changes in the Social Security Act and in the state laws which tie into the act. This, of course, is as it should be, for we now have experience upon which we can build in extending and strengthening these laws.

"With our hopes for the broadening of the social security programs—hopes which depend, of course, upon the action of Congress and the state Legislatures which are soon to convene—we feel that both the need for and the effectiveness of the Social Security Act have already been demonstrated beyond question. In terms of people served and future want forestalled, its record to date is one of real and enduring progress."

New Year's Greeting

The Labor Clarion takes pleasure in extending the season's greetings to all its readers and patrons, and expressing the wish that the New Year will bring happiness, good health and prosperity.

To this is added the hope that during the coming year unity may be achieved in the labor movement.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR" TO ALL

SUPPORT SOUGHT IN BOYCOTT

A move to enlist the support of the building trades councils of San Francisco and Los Angeles in the boycott of German cement and other materials was announced last week by J. C. Reynolds, business representative of the Alameda Building Trades Council. Reynolds said that not only would councils throughout the state be asked to co-operate, but that the state convention of trades mechanics in March would establish the machinery for an effective boycott.

Measure for Referendum on War Will Be Pressed by Senators

A group of senators of varied political belief are reported planning to renew attempts in the next Congress to write a war referendum amendment into the Constitution.

Senator Clark of Missouri announced that a resolution would be introduced early in the session to place the proposed amendment before the country for ratification. He predicted that it would have the initial support of a dozen senators.

The Senate proposal will be similar to the revised version of a resolution introduced in the House last session by Representative Ludlow, but killed, 209 to 188, when the House sent it back to committee.

A Peculiar Decision

Superior Judge Hilliard Comstock of Sonoma County has ruled that the closed shop is illegal and issued a permanent injunction against the International Association of Machinists, Organizer E. H. Vernon and officers and members at Petaluma, enjoining them from picketing eight Petaluma garages and automobile agencies.

He held that while the picketing was peaceful and therefore lawful, at the same time they could not by lawful means attempt to gain an unlawful end—the closed shop.

He said Section 921 of the State Labor Code declares the closed shop is against public policy and that this section is inviolate and not enforceable.

Organizer Vernon, he said, had claimed to represent 100 per cent of Petaluma garage employees, whereas records produced during the ten days of trial showed that only five out of fifty-five workers were members of the union, many having withdrawn.

The picketing had been under way from September 15 to December 15.

Judge Comstock, discussing his ruling, said that Section 921 makes it unlawful for employers and employees to agree that employees may either join or not join any given labor organization where the purpose is to force membership.

Labor Division Drive For Cigarette Coupons To Help Paralysis Fight

Save your union-made cigarette coupons to help the infantile paralysis drive!

That's the campaign launched to run through January by the Labor Division of the National Committee for Celebration of the President's Birthday.

The coupons are worth three-fourths of a cent each.

The idea is adapted from a case in Milwaukee, Wis., in which union members and their friends saved the coupons and with the proceeds purchased an artificial leg for a crippled girl.

"Let's Do It," Is Answer

"If the idea could be made to serve so helpfully in one city for one little girl, why not generally for many victims of the infantile paralysis scourge?" That's the question the Labor Division asked.

The answer was: "There's no reason—so let's do it."

The coupons are found on the backs of all packages of Raleigh, Kool and Viceroy cigarettes. These brands are union-made and are packed in packages bearing the Allied Printing Trades label and the Photo Engravers' Label.

Here is the Labor Division's message:

"Put up a box in every union hall. Name one person, or a committee of three, to have charge of it. Ask every member to deposit the coupons from these brands through January.

"Individuals, if they wish, may save their own coupons.

What to Do With Coupons

"Finally, send all coupons to Labor Division, Committee for Celebration of the President's Birthday, Carpenters' Building, Washington, D. C. The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, maker of these union-made brands, agrees to redeem all these coupons for cash, which will be turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. William Green is chairman of the Labor Division. All money raised by labor will be presented by Chairman Green to the President for the National Foundation, in a specially arranged ceremony.

"Save these cigarette coupons. Let's gather millions of coupons. Remember—save the coupons. Don't save the union labels; only the coupons are valuable. They are glued by one edge to the backs of the packages of these three bands—Raleighs, Kools and Viceroys."

Train and Parlor Car Porters

Vote for A.F.L. Affiliation

The Railway Train Porters' Local No. 20672, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has been certified to represent train porters and parlor car porters, employees of the Illinois Central System, under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

The certification followed an election to determine the choice of the employees based on a list of employees furnished by the railroads and approved by representatives of the A.F.L. union. Out of 119 employees eligible to vote, 107 voted for the A.F.L. affiliate.

Christmas Message of President Roosevelt

On Christmas night President Roosevelt, speaking through his newly-appointed secretary of commerce, Harry L. Hopkins, joined with labor, industrial and farm leaders in appealing to the nation to solve its class problems in an atmosphere of peace and good will.

Secretary Hopkins spoke on a radio forum program sponsored by a Washington newspaper and directed toward the removal of forces which create class warfare in this country.

"The glory of the first Christmas message—as announced to the shepherds of Bethlehem—is that the glad tidings are for all of the people," the President said. "No one was overlooked or forgotten when the multitude sang, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to men.'

"The joy and happiness of Christmas time extends to all nations and to all people. The spirit of Christmas is the hope of mankind."

Other speakers included Supreme Court Justice Stanley F. Reed, Speaker William B. Bankhead, newly-elected Senator Robert A. Taft, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, Vice-President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation, President Charles R. Hook of the National Association of Manufacturers, President Harold W. Dodds of Princeton University and David Lawrence, editor of the "United States News."

Religious Persecutions Deplored

Most of them criticized minority and religious persecutions abroad, appraised the domestic political and economic situation and urged all groups to co-operate in a spirit of fair play to remove the "causes of friction and dissension."

Hopkins recalled that the world is filled "with hatred and strife," and that on Christmas day "bombs are dropping on children on their way to church and school."

"Nations not only quarantine their borders against one another, but within the nations the fierce fires of intolerance burn, freedom is assailed, and in parts of the world liberty seems to be no more," Hopkins said.

"In the United States a great corporation is looted—a bank is robbed—punishing laws are passed to prevent their recurrence—a bitter strike or lockout finds the employer and the employee engaged in what amounts to economic warfare—murder and violence are the daily fare of newspaper readers. It sometimes appears that the whole

world is seeking to destroy itself in bitterness and hate."

Hard Work and Joy of Living

He said that this "is not true," however, because the American family is built upon a structure of "working hard, by being inherently honest and by a wholesome joy of living."

"The head of the family with whom I spent Christmas happened to be the President of the United States," Hopkins said. "His Christmas statement is America's expression of a will to peace and well-being of all our people."

OAKLAND TEAMSTERS' ELECTION

Oakland Union No. 70, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has re-elected James Marshal as its president and made him a business representative, and Charles W. Real secretary-treasurer and business agent. This is the thirteenth year of Real's incumbency in that office. Other officers elected include Ed Blair, vice-president; George King, recording secretary; Jack Carter, Frank Church, Joseph Tavis and Don Winters, business representatives, and William Lewis, Frank Figone and Frank La Moglia, trustees.

WAGE ADJUSTMENTS

Mrs. Mabel E. Kinney, chief of the Division of Industrial Welfare, reports that through the activities of the Division of Industrial Welfare during the month of November, 1938, \$7137.16 was added to the earnings of women and minors in California. Of this amount, wage adjustments collected totaled \$4216.22 and affected 551 women and minors. In plants operating on a piece-rate basis in the fruit and vegetable canning industry \$2920.94 was reported as audit adjustments, and paid and added to the earnings of 1766 workers.

Per Capita Income \$540

The national income in 1937 was \$69,800,000,000, an increase of \$3,700,000,000 over 1936, but approximately \$11,000,000,000 below that of 1929, when the depression began, the Department of Commerce disclosed this week.

Per capita income was given as \$540 in 1937, an increase of \$44 over 1936. It reached \$668, a record level, in 1929.

An elaborate study of national income and corporate expenditures released by the Commerce Department also showed that while the 1937 income was 14 per cent below that of 1929, there were compensating factors. These included a drop of 2 per cent in wholesale prices and a difference of 15 per cent in the cost of living.

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Labor Board Overruled On "Sit-Down" Strikes

(By A.F.L. News Service)

The determination of the National Labor Relations Board to force a steamship company to reinstate with back pay C.I.O. seamen who were discharged following "sit-down" strikes which prevented the masters of two vessels from exercising their legal control over the ships was halted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

This outstanding position of the Supreme Court resulted from its refusal to grant a petition of the National Labor Relations Board for a review of the board's case against the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company charging violation of the National Labor Relations Act. The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which found the C.I.O. "sit-down" strikers guilty of mutiny, condemned the National Labor Relations Board for disregarding proper evidence, and set aside as illegal the board's order in its entirety.

The action of the Supreme Court of the United States in refusing to review the decision of the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit undoubtedly placed a definite quietus on the pronounced sympathy for the "sit-down" strike frequently manifested by the National Labor Relations Board, and, at the same time, emphatically warned the rebel and secessionist C.I.O. and its communist affiliate, the C.I.O. seamen's union, that the sit-down strike, condemned by the American Federation of Labor, is illegal and will not be tolerated in the American Merchant Marine.

Actors' Union Wins Increased Pay For Thousands of Carnival Performers

Three more large carnivals—the Johnny J. Jones, Max Linderman and Max Goodman shows—have entered into agreements with the American Federation of Actors.

Six of the big carnivals, employing between 3000 and 5000 performers, are now under contract with this A.F.L. union. A union shop, substantial increases in pay, workmen's compensation at the expense of the employer, and the settlement of all labor disputes by peaceful mediation were included in the terms of the agreement, which prevents employers from dismissing workers without due notice.

Not all carnivals, many of which have exhibited indecent shows for years, are accepted by the Actors' Federation. The union cleans up the carnival first, signs it later.

Organization in other fields is progressing rapidly. Twenty-four night clubs, including several larger places of entertainment, have been lined up by the union in Chicago. Increases of as high as 20 per cent have been obtained by the union for over 300 actors and artists, Guy Magley, international representative in charge of the organization drive in Chicago and vicinity, reports.

Twenty-seven big-time theatrical agents, members of the Entertainment Managers' Association of Chicago, have agreed to book only union entertainers. Wage raises, ranging up to 50 per cent, were secured under the contract, which will affect several thousand performers.

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Vandeleur's Greetings For Coming New Year

Expressing confidence of continued success for American Federation of Labor organizations within the state during the coming year, Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, has issued a New Year's message to the nearly half million members of the body. He says:

"During the past five years more than three hundred duly accredited and fully paid organizations have affiliated with the Federation, including more than one hundred added during the past year, bringing the total close to one thousand bodies, with more than three times the membership of five years ago.

"Within the new year, there is no doubt, many thousands of additional workers will be enrolled in the ranks of existing and new American Federation of Labor unions in California, because they have learned during the past year the benefits of association with legitimate labor organizations.

"To all of those workers who have continued their loyal association with unions of the American Federation of Labor, and to all of those workers who seek sincere and genuine protection in their various callings, I extend hearty New Year's greetings in behalf of the California State Federation of Labor."

Vandeleur said some important announcements relative to the organizational, legislative and other programs of the Federation for the coming year will be made soon.

Union Label Printing to Be Used By President's Birthday Committee

John B. Haggerty, president of the International Allied Printing Trades Association, announces from Washington that as a result of conferences with Keith Morgan, chairman of the National Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the eradication of infantile paralysis, all matter issued by the committee to which the Allied Printing Trades Label applies will bear that insignia.

Pointing out that this arrangement means several hundred thousand dollars' worth of printing for offices having agreements with the A.F.L. unions, Haggerty said that "a conference with Morgan found him eager to get our advice as to the union label, in order that there may be no criticism of the printing done for the committee."

"Of course the Labor Division of the National Committee under the chairmanship of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor," Haggerty continued, "is observing the proper union labels, as has been the custom in former years. The Labor Division alone will require a large amount of printing, all of which will benefit union shops.

"However, the important feature is that we are advising the main headquarters in New York, where it would be easy to allow a job to go wrong through carelessness or neglect on the part of a subordinate, to be on the alert.

"With the present arrangement satisfactory as it is, we may look for a complete union campaign.

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"Our first achievement was to straighten out an order for 5,000,000 lapel buttons, in co-operation with Morgan.

"I am sure this announcement will be of interest to the printing trades workers."

Chicago Teamsters Negotiate

Pay Increase of \$1,500,000

An increase in pay of about \$1,500,000 annually for between seven and eight thousand truck drivers has been obtained, despite the recession, under a two-year union shop contract entered into by Local No. 705, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, an A.F.L. affiliate, and the Cartage Exchange of Chicago and Illinois Motor Truck Operators' Association.

The agreement boosts wage rates \$2 a week and limits the work-week to fifty-one hours. Weekly minimums range from \$31 to \$34 for motorcycle drivers and \$34 to \$43.50 for truck drivers. Time on the job before 7:45 a.m., when the work-day begins, or after 5:15 p.m., when it ends, is considered overtime and is paid for at the rate of time and one-fourth. Double time is to be paid for all holiday work.

Some 200 employers were represented in the negotiations with Local No. 705 of the I.B.T.

Unemployment Fund

A check of records in the California State Department of Employment indicates that a total of 50,072 California employers are subject to provisions of the Unemployment Reserves Act and are paying contributions into the Unemployment Trust Fund.

This announcement was made by Carleton B. Tibbetts, employer representative on the Unemployment Reserves Commission.

The records indicate there are more employers subject to the act hiring eight or more persons than hiring four to seven persons. The eight-or-more group of employers totals 28,119, while there are 21,953 who hire from four to seven employees.

Following is the number of employers by districts:

District	8 Group	4-7 Group	Total
Los Angeles	12,049	9,618	21,667
San Francisco	5,031	3,174	8,205
Oakland	1,966	1,588	3,554
San Bernardino	1,141	1,044	2,185
San Jose	1,209	1,218	2,427
San Diego	955	960	1,915
Fresno	844	779	1,623
Sacramento	799	866	1,665
Stockton	718	636	1,354
Santa Rosa	432	454	886
Santa Barbara	554	519	1,073
Bakersfield	490	439	929
Oroville	252	287	539
Redding	242	183	425
Eureka	149	151	300
Out of state.....	1,288	37	1,325
	28,119	21,953	50,072

Thousands Train for Vocations in Aviation

Under the policies of the federal government to provide financial assistance to vocational education in the states more than seven thousand young men in different parts of the country are now receiving training which will prepare them to become aviation mechanics, J. W. Studebaker, commissioner of education, reported this week to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Figures issued by the Office of Education, Department of the Interior, show that in federally-aided vocational schools and classes throughout the United States there are 2181 such students in day-time classes, 3242 in part-time classes and 1653 in evening trade-extension classes.

Lured by Romance and Adventure

The rapid expansion of commercial aviation has opened up a new field of activity for many boys. While the average boy is lured by the romance and adventure of piloting a great transport plane, there is a better chance of his finding an outlet for his mechanical ability in the specialized work that is needed at the airports, Commissioner Studebaker said. A far larger number of men are required for ground work than for pilot duty.

At the commercial air base in Miami ten classes are being conducted by the local board of education with federal aid to train employed aviation mechanics. In New York City some five hundred young men are being prepared for this field. In Chicago, where airlines maintain important repair stations, a large number of men are in training.

Comprehensive Survey Starts

Believing that this is an important aspect of vocational training in America, the Office of Education recently sent out 1700 letters to universities and 26,000 letters to high schools and preparatory schools, inquiring what classes in aviation are in progress, how many boys or girls are taking them, and what plans are being made for increasing opportunities for such training. The survey is under the direction of Robert W. Hambrook, trade and industrial education agent.

Among the subjects envisaged as part of the regular high school or trade school curriculum are the building of model planes to scale, powering these models with gasoline engines, flying of models, study of principles of flight, study of aviation events, building of gliders, gliding or soaring, ground school training and flight training. The schools are likewise being asked how many planes and airplane motors of different types they own and can use for study purposes.

DOWNEY FOR \$60 PENSION

United States Senator-elect Sheridan Downey recently expressed himself in Washington as favoring a national pension of \$60 per month, stating he will work for its adoption.

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Intellectual Freedom

The position of the fascists and the nazis toward science is roundly denounced in the manifesto issued in New York City by 1284 scientists calling on their colleagues everywhere to defend the principle that "democracy alone can conserve intellectual freedom."

The manifesto was issued by a committee headed by Professor Franz Boas of Columbia University, noted anthropologist and former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Declaring that "science is wholly independent of national boundaries and races and creeds and can flourish only where there is peace and intellectual freedom," the statement condemned the official nazi position which sought to divide physicists into "good, i. e., non-theoretical and 'Aryan,' and bad, i. e., theoretical and Jewish," adding:

"Apart from racial theories, furthermore, science and art are subject to ruthless political censorship. These ideas have found concrete expression in the dismissal and persecution of over 1600 teachers and scientists (by the autumn of 1936) from German universities and research institutes (and now Austria and Italy, too), and in the restriction of higher education to students having the 'proper' political and racial qualifications."

Aristocratic Democracy

"The best government is aristocratic," the philosopher Aristotle said a couple of thousand years ago. Thomas Jefferson, a great American democrat, said the same thing. But neither Aristotle nor Jefferson meant that the best government should be in the hands of those whom we commonly call "aristocrats" today.

The word aristocratic is derived from the Greek work "aristos," which means "the best." The word democracy is derived from the Greek word "demos," meaning "the people."

Most of us will agree that government should be in the hands of the "best people," a combination of aristocracy and democracy. This means that the best government is that which is controlled by an aristocracy drawn from all classes, who are given leadership because of their character, their virtue, their ability to govern.

This shuts out the mob which possesses none of these requirements. It shuts out the gangs which have secured control in many of our cities. It shuts out the politicians who stoop to low-down tricks or selfish practices. It shuts out those who merely possess wealth. It shuts out those who have acquired economic power but who use it to exploit the workers. It shuts out so-called "labor leaders" who are dominated by the class spirit.

In the last analysis the government should be in the hands of an aristocracy composed of all

classes, regardless of race, creed, color, or economic condition. These are the people who should constitute the rulers in a democracy which is truly aristocratic.

This would be an aristocracy of brains, of virtue, of character. These qualities are just as prevalent among the workers of America as they are among the wealthy, the social leaders, the industrialists, those who now sit in the seats of those whom we regard as the "mighty."

Our country is safe because our Constitution is based upon the principles just described. There can be no better form of government. The real aristocrat will defend this government against every attack that is made upon it. If the time should ever come when our form of government should fail it will be only because we have lost our character, our virtue, our courage to maintain it.

No outside force can take these from us. It will be only as we become flabby, or indifferent, or cowardly that this may happen. In other words, only as we lose our "aristocratic" spirit. This is the spirit which dominates the "common" people of America. And because they outnumber all the others we may rest assured that our democracy is safe.—Dr. Charles L. Stelzle.

A Fascist Infection

During the past year the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee and the federal trial of coal operators have verified what organized labor has long known about Harlan County, Kentucky—namely, that it is a spawning ground of uncontrolled industrial tyranny, a fascist infection in the heart of America, says the Kentucky Miners' Defense, which continues:

"Of all the things organized labor must do to wipe out this cesspool, none is of more immediate importance than the freeing of the four Harlan union miners now serving life terms for the frame-up arising out of the famous battle of Evarts on May 5, 1931.

"These men defied the fury of arrogant coal operators long before the Wagner Act was passed to protect the right of workers to organize. For daring to strike against misery and starvation they have already served nearly eight years in a penitentiary and will spend the rest of their lives as prisoners unless organized labor fights unceasingly for their freedom.

"Governor A. B. Chandler of Kentucky has been forced to hold two pardon hearings. Overwhelming proof of perjury and intimidation during the trials has been presented to him. A petition has been filed with him from forty-six of the forty-seven living jurors asking for release of the men. But 'Happy' Chandler has not yet made up his mind.

"Organized labor must make the governor of Kentucky act! The Kentucky Miners' Defense is now conducting a pardon campaign for these four innocent men. Every labor union, every labor unionist must write or wire immediately to Governor A. B. Chandler, Frankfort, Ky., asking for unconditional pardons for these men. Do it today."

Referring to Sidney Hillman, chairman of the defunct T.W.O.C., as a "dictator," Francis J. Gorman, international president of the United Textile Workers of America, said recently in commenting on the textile workers' situation, "It's the beginning of the end of Hillmanism." This was the start of Gorman's drive to effect complete re-establishment of the United Textile Workers of America. Coming hot on the heels of this announcement was the notice of ouster of four international vice-presidents as well as the secretary-treasurer, because of their announced purpose to desert the international union.

Seven justices of the United States Supreme Court heard well-deserved eulogies of Justice Cardozo the other day. Justice McReynolds was not present.

Can This Be San Francisco?

"A city where no kidnaping occurred in over forty years, where no organized crime or criminals exist, where no bank robberies were attempted in more than two years, where pick-pockets and bunco men are practically unknown, sounds like a Utopia to people today. Yet such a city does exist—San Francisco!" So says a press release from Street & Smith Publications, Inc. It continues:

"'Crime Busters,' a Street & Smith publication, pays its respects to San Francisco and Chief of Police William J. Quinn by devoting its current 'Crime Busters of America' department to a recounting of his enviable record as police chief.

"About San Francisco 'Crime Busters' writes: 'It is subject to the same criminal possibilities as any other city might be; even more so, perhaps, since it is the largest city on the West Coast. It might quite easily have become the center of criminal activity and the public would accept that as a matter of course. Instead, it stands out strong and clear of any crime; a real monument to honesty, unceasing, untiring effort.'

"The article tells, too, of Quinn's rise from patrolman on the toughest beats—Chinatown, the Tenderloin and the Barbary Coast section—to chief of police of the country's most efficient force."

The foreign minister of Japan tells the world that lending money by the United States to China is a "dangerous experiment." But so far no quivers of terror have been detected in any part of Washington.

The council of the Irish Labor party has urged the government to withdraw its minister to Berlin in protest against the treatment of Jews and Catholics. The council decided to hold a public protest meeting in Dublin.

Senator Bridges of New Hampshire predicts that the Senate will refuse to confirm the reappointment of Donald Wakefield Smith as a member of the National Labor Relations Board. He said that opposition strength in the Senate already totals thirty votes, and that it is growing.

American Labor Party ballots won re-election for Governor Lehman over Thomas E. Dewey, official results of the November 8 elections showed. Dewey polled 2,302,505 Republican party votes while Lehman drew 1,971,307 Democratic party ballots plus 419,979 A.L.P. votes, according to the state board of canvassers' approved tabulation.

Former Governor Landon of Kansas must have surprised the world's dictators by speaking strongly in favor of the administration's Pan-American policies even more than President Roosevelt surprised them by sending Landon there. Some folks never learn. Most of these get into the asylum, but now and then one becomes a dictator.

A Useful Citizen Passes

(San Francisco "News")

George S. Hollis, for many years president of the San Francisco Typographical Union, and a member of the Immigration and Housing Commission under Governor Friend W. Richardson, succumbed to a lingering illness. He belonged to that distinguished older group of labor leaders who guided union affairs so successfully in this city for almost a generation.

Many a labor battle of the past saw Mr. Hollis in the forefront, but always he fought with fairness and good will toward his opponents, whether employers or fellow unionists. Under his guidance the printing trades enjoyed a long period of industrial progress and peace in San Francisco.

Capital Highlights

By GEORGE L. KNAPP (I. L. N. S.)

Sixty-one per cent of American citizens, according to the Gallup poll, are ready to boycott German goods as a protest against the crimes of the Nazi government.

This is a most healthy sign of progress. But it means that 61 per cent of the American people now are ready to take the step which the American Federation of Labor advocated at the convention of 1933.

A five-year lead in a matter like that is something worth mentioning.

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The state authorities of Connecticut and New York doubtless will help some in unravelling the case which any detective story writer would call the Musica Mystery. But the main task is with Uncle Sam's Department of Justice at Washington, and I have not the slightest question that they will make a cracking good job of it. Also, for the prevention of such cases in the future, reliance must be placed on increased powers to Uncle Sam's Securities and Exchange Commission.

Daily papers will spread details as fast as federal authorities reveal them. This is the place for calling attention to basic facts. One of those facts, according to entirely uncontradicted reports, is the fact that the nationally known firm of accountants, Price, Waterhouse & Co., never made any check on the physical assets of McKesson-Robbins, through which the Musica brothers were working their graft. Two big warehouses for crude drugs, down in the books for substantial sums, never existed.

It will be interesting to hear the explanations which the accountants make of that and some other things.

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Harold L. Ickes of the Interior Department has been from the first the most outspoken, hard-hitting member of the cabinet of the present administration. No one who knows his fight on Insull in Chicago is surprised, but Ickes almost surpassed himself in his speech on naziism before the Zionist Society at Cleveland.

"How," he asked, "can any American who pretends to believe in the enlightened principles that constitute the warp and woof of our American life accept a decoration at the hand of a brutal dictator, who with that same hand is robbing and torturing thousands of human beings? Perhaps Henry Ford and Charles A. Lindbergh will be willing to answer that question."

U. of C. Extension Division

Opportunities for adult and part-time study under the University of California extension division are listed in "Lifelong Learning," the division's schedule of class courses to be given in the Bay region beginning in January, 1939.

The schedule lists courses carrying university credit, vocational courses, meeting requirements for credentials, certificates and upgrading, and courses for personal growth. A library service, whereby students enrolled in extension courses may borrow text books and other reading materials, is also described in the schedule.

Copies of the schedule are available without charge to anyone interested in adult or part-time education. They can be obtained at 301 California Hall, University of California, Berkeley; 540 Powell street, San Francisco, or 1730 Franklin street, Oakland. Schedules will be mailed on request.

Christmas on Bay Bridge

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge was all furbished up with decorations in keeping with the spirit of Christmas last week, when what is probably the largest wreath used in holiday decorations

in the state was hung over the east portal of the island tunnel.

The toll plaza was ornamented with Christmas trees, while two large trees were placed on pier W-1 of the west bay crossing.

Christmas carols were broadcast from a battery of loud speakers at the toll plaza.

Bridge employees held their own Christmas tree celebration in the sergeant's room at the Administration building.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO MEET HERE

The Geological Society of the United States will hold its 1939 convention in California next August. The Berkeley campus will be the principal meeting place, but visits also will be made to Yosemite National Park, Mount Lassen, the mining country along the Mother Lode and the oil fields in the southern parts of the state.

TOWNSEND PLAN CONVENTION

The Townsend Recovery Plan organization has chosen Indianapolis as the site for its fourth national convention, June 22 to 25, 1939. It was predicted that 25,000 persons would attend the convention, including 6000 delegates.

Picketing for Wages Upheld

Superior Judge Ogden of Alameda County this week upheld the right of dairy unions to picket and boycott for wages and working conditions but not for the closed shop.

A temporary injunction he issued forbade Dairy and Creamery Employees' Union No. 304, Milk Wagon Drivers No. 302 and the Alameda Central Labor Council to boycott or picket the San Joaquin Farms for a closed shop.

However, it was reported, the unions intended to continue picketing for wages and conditions. Judge Ogden purged the unions of a previous contempt charge for having refused to handle the farms' products.

In Memoriam—George S. Hollis

At the last meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Friday, December 23, the following resolutions were adopted in honor of the former president of the Council, George S. Hollis, who passed away Monday, December 19:

"Whereas, The San Francisco organized labor movement has suffered a great loss in the death of George S. Hollis, president of Typographical Union No. 21 and delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council, after many years of devoted and distinguished service; and

"Whereas, Brother Hollis was noted for his conscientious conduct and excellent character, his sympathetic and considerate alertness for the progress of his craft, and the influence and advancement of the interests of organized labor, in the life and progress of which he spent years of fruitful endeavor and thoughtful care. He became the symbol of trustworthiness and the dependability of organized labor in industrial affairs, only asking fairness and justice at the hands of every man, craving special favors for none, doing his full duty in every case, and exhibiting firm adherence to the principles of organized labor, by means of which he served labor loyally in promoting justice in industrial relations, a record of achievement and a valuable aid in local maintenance of correct policies for the guidance of our movement in industrial affairs for the benefit of all concerned; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the San Francisco Labor Council honors the memory of George S. Hollis and deeply mourns his loss—that we tender deepest sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family and his many devoted friends; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21, to the International Typographical Union, and to the family of the deceased."

Review of World Events

I. L. N. S.

Loud announcement has been made that the American Medical Association will fight the indictment rendered against it by a federal grand jury "to a finish." But the word going 'round in Washington is quite different. That word is that a majority of doctors do not want to fight, that they can see that some form of group health association is coming, and are perfectly willing to have things tried out.

At this writing the odds are that the indictment will be settled by a consent decree, which will open hospitals and medical societies to doctors in group practice.

The uncommon interest which the public is taking in this matter is not at all hard to explain. In the last two or three years increasing numbers of people are learning that poverty is one of the chief causes of illness and death. They are getting such facts as these:

Men getting from \$1500 to \$2000 a year have an average loss of 7 days a year from illness and accidents; men getting less than \$1000 a year have 10.9 days, and men on relief have 17.4 days.

Day laborers in proportion to numbers have seven times as many deaths from pneumonia as professional men, and three times as many from tuberculosis.

It is bad policy to fight public opinion which is backed by such facts as these.

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The general council of the British Trades Union Congress and the National Committee of the Labor party have launched a Workers' Film Association, to present the cause of British organized labor on the screen. Talking films, educational, political and some foreign, are already available. Co-operatives are being formed to buy sound equipment.

Nobody has yet wired from Britain anything to match the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in its play of "Pins and Needles." That is one of the most popular plays on the stage in this country, and if the political nature is less marked than in the British films, the I.L.G.W.U. gets its message across, just the same.

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The charge d'affaires of Germany in Washington has filed with our State Department a categorical promise that residents of this country falling heir to property in Germany can have due credits for that property transferred to America without let or hindrance. Few papers printed the two reasons for Germany's action.

A week before this notice a Philadelphia judge, Raymond MacNeille, refused to allow money from a \$91,000 trust fund to be sent to Germany. He said, in part: "In view of the fact that money belonging to beneficiaries in this country is not permitted to leave Germany, I do not think it fair or proper to transfer funds from this country for beneficiaries in Germany."

Reason 2: About \$5,000,000 a year goes to German heirs from the United States, and not more than half that much comes in the same way from Germany to the United States.

But it was Judge MacNeille who rang the bell. Hitler might have dawdled over the second reason, but he came through on the other in a week.

PENNSYLVANIANS DRINK LESS

Administrators of Pennsylvania's state liquor monopoly have concluded that declining sales mean the "novelty of repeal has worn off." They said the anticipated decrease in sales at the 580 state stores this year would amount to from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. "There is no doubt the novelty of repeal has worn off," said Harkey Reiter, public relations counsel for the Liquor Control Board. "It will play a large part in the drop in sales this year."

Textile Workers Move For Union Stability

Informing all local unions of official actions taken since revival of the United Textile Workers pursuant to the Providence, R. I., court decision, President Francis J. Gorman, in a letter told the U.T.W. membership new officers would be selected without delay to replace five whose offices have been or will be vacated. This includes the offices of four vice-presidents and the secretary-treasurer.

President Gorman also informed all local unions of the overwhelming defeat of T.W.O.C., the dissolved C.I.O. agency, in the Labor Relations Board election in the Atlantic Mills at Providence.

"In the first test of strength and loyalty since the Providence court decision re-established the United Textile Workers of America under its own constitution," said President Gorman in his letter to 700 local unions, "T.W.O.C. has been given a tremendous beating. Hillman and company made this a test and sent in about fifty organizers."

T.W.O.C. Badly Beaten

"In an election held in the Atlantic Mills at Providence, R. I., largest of the woolen and worsted mills, T.W.O.C. was beaten almost two to one. It was an overwhelming defeat for T.W.O.C., which just before the election boasted that it was going to 'clean up Rhode Island.' Instead, Rhode Island and New England is cleaning out T.W.O.C. and its dictatorship. As in the court case, 'they asked for it.'

"That election, held this week, shows where textile workers want to go. The United Textile Workers went into action in that contest and turned the tide against T.W.O.C. We are proud of that victory, because it shows beyond doubt what textile workers think of the purgers."

"Representative workers and unions from the South report that they are all set and under way

to clean T.W.O.C. out of the South. Hosiery unions are jubilant at the prospect for a change and the building of a democratic organization.

New Union Outlook

"North and South, in all divisions of the industry, there is cheering because of the new outlook for freedom from the iron heel."

"We are moving rapidly and steadily, under the constitution, to put the international union back on a sound basis."

"We have instructed all locals to pay no further per capita tax to T.W.O.C. or any other body, until there is a constitutional secretary-treasurer of the United Textile Workers of America. When that office has been filled properly you will be notified."

NO COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT

At its last meeting the San Francisco Labor Council adjourned to January 6; consequently there will be no meeting of the central body tonight.

Labor's Silver Salute to Feature

Fight Against Infantile Paralysis

Already the leaders of over 90 national and international unions have pledged their whole-hearted co-operation to wipe out the maiming death of infantile paralysis. Labor's contribution to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be known as Labor's Silver Salute. Make your contribution to be a measure of the size and depth of the generosity and understanding of labor's forces. If you can afford no more than 10 cents, give, and join the Silver Salute. Your contribution may be mailed to the Labor Division, the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, Carpenters' Building, Washington, D. C., or direct to President Roosevelt, White House, Washington, D. C.

Case of Harry Bridges

Secretary of Labor Perkins reiterated last week in Washington that no action can be taken in the deportation case against Harry Bridges, Australian-born West Coast C.I.O. leader, until the Supreme Court determines whether membership in the Communist party is sufficient cause for deportation.

She refused to comment on criticism of conduct of the Bridges case voiced by Chairman Martin Dies of the House committee investigating un-American activities.

Miss Perkins said the department now is appealing to the Supreme Court from a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision holding that membership in the Communist party is not sufficient grounds for deporting Joseph George Strecher, Arkansas restaurant owner who admitted he was a party member.

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Steel Workers Faced With Wage Reductions

The pinch of the new high-speed steel mills clamped down last week on 2200 workers of the McKeesport Tin Plate Company, near Pittsburgh, Pa., dampening their Christmas with the ultimatum, "Take a wage cut or no jobs after December 26."

Harold Ruttenberg, youthful research director for the C.I.O.'s Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, frankly told a big mass meeting of workers and their families Friday night that was the situation.

The demanded reductions range from 6 to 15 per cent.

The speaker told the workmen theirs was a situation being faced by employees of hundreds of small independent steel concerns, because of the introduction of multi-million-dollar mills like the recently dedicated \$60,000,000 Irvin works of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation.

To Replace Thousands of Workers

"That big monster on the hill," Ruttenberg told his listeners, "is taking your jobs. By the end of 1939 it alone will have replaced between 15,000 and 16,000 workers."

The \$25,000,000 McKeesport company ranks fourth among producers of tin plate in America and third among metal container producers. It was the first of its size to notify the union it intended to cancel its labor contract unless a lower wage scale could be set. The twenty-day notification period ended December 26.

After listening to the labor leader, the crowd, which had dwindled to almost one-third of its original number during the almost four hours of discussion, shouted approval of a motion to reject the wage cut.

Salaries Increased

As if reflecting its renewed mill activity, the Carnegie-Illinois simultaneously announced it was returning office workers to a five and one-half-day week January 1, with a corresponding jump of salaries amounting to nearly 10 per cent.

In Birmingham the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company announced it was restoring a 10 per cent reduction made last spring, when Carnegie-Illinois instituted its slash. Both Carnegie-Illinois and the Birmingham firm are subsidiaries of United States Steel Corporation.

OPPOSE EXEMPTION OF MESSENGERS

Strong opposition to the application of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies for exemption of messengers from the Fair Labor Standards Act was presented by representatives of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, at a hearing held by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews to consider arguments for and against the petition in Washington.

TEAMSTERS WIN WAGE INCREASE

Teamsters' Union No. 369 of Muncie, Ind., an A.F.L. affiliate, has secured an agreement with the Beatrice Creamery providing a 33 per cent increase in wages and reducing the work-week for women from fifty-four to forty-eight hours.

NEW SEISMOGRAPH STATION

A new seismograph station will be opened in Lassen National Park, at Mineral, making the seventh outlying station developed to record earthquakes, according to the geology department of the University of California.

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A.F.L. Opens Campaign To Amend Labor Act

Legislative representatives of the American Federation of Labor, affiliated unions and the railroad brotherhoods met in Washington last week and decided on a congressional legislative program which includes amendment of the National Labor Relations Act, rail aid measures, extension of Social Security Act benefits and continuance of present relief policies.

President William Green announced that Federation attorneys virtually have completed drafting of amendments to the labor act, approved by the A.F.L.'s annual convention, and said that they will be presented to Congress with the "full backing" of his organization.

The amendments, he said, would take away from the N.L.R.B. its present power to determine whether a labor unit is to operate as a craft, plant or industrial group. They also would take away the board's power to void existing contracts between unions and employers, he added.

He said that broadly the changes would tend to make the act operate in a manner similar to the working of the railway labor act. He reiterated that the Federation stands for preservation of the Wagner act and emphasized that "our complaint is against maladministration of the act."

At the same time, he continued, the labor act program will include organized opposition to Senate confirmation of the reappointment of Donald Wakefield Smith, a board member. He said that on the basis of replies to A.F.L. questionnaires sent to all senators, he believed that sentiment is strong enough to defeat him.

The Federation has opposed Smith consistently on grounds that he favors the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Regarding carrier aid legislation, Green said the Federation is prepared to support any recommendations of President Roosevelt's special rail committee, composed of management and labor representatives. He recalled that the A.F.L. already is committed to such a course.

A.F.L. UNIONS QUIT "UNITY" GROUP

The Sacramento Federated Trades Council has announced withdrawal of its delegates from the "labor peace and unity" movement in that city pending authorization of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. The council, it was stated, voted 28 to 14 on the question. More than two hundred representatives of the A.F.L., C.I.O., the railway brotherhoods and the Workers' Alliance attended a preliminary "peace" conference in Sacramento December 12.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

The December issue of the "California Labor Market Bulletin" shows decreases in employment and payrolls in November, 1938, as compared with November, 1937. Average weekly earnings, however, increased from \$28.27 in November, 1937, to \$29.10 in November, 1938, an increase of 2.9 per cent. The total number of wage earners employed in manufacturing establishments covered by reports filed with the Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement in its monthly survey of employment and earnings for the week ending nearest the 15th of November was 179,135, a decrease of 9.7 per cent when compared with the

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number employed (198,394) in the same establishments during the corresponding week of November, 1937. These data are for 1938 representative manufacturing establishments employing more than 65 per cent of all the wage earners in California manufacturing plants.

New Year's and the Fair

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When the New Year's ushered in,
Amidst the hubbub and the din,
We'll drink a toast—and maybe two—
To all our friends, including you.

—James M. Speagle.

San Francisco, January 1, 1939.

Mr. Speagle is the versatile foreman of the Walter N. Brunt Press composing room. In former years his poetic effusions have not been given the prominence in the columns of the Labor Clarion that he deemed they were entitled to. So this year the editor is pleased to be able to display his contribution and acknowledge the spirit of hospitality that inspired it.—Editor.

Mergenthaler Company Contracts With Union

The Mergenthaler Linotype Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., called off a month-old lockout last week, signed a new contract with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, and dropped its fight for a 10 per cent wage cut, says Union News Service.

The union retained its previous status as sole collective bargaining agency, and preserved the forty-hour week, time and a half for overtime, and seniority.

The company locked out the workers November 14 when they refused to accept a 10 per cent wage cut upon the expiration of the contract with the union. The lockout was turned into a strike as the workers held out against the wage-cutting proposal, which the union felt was an effort to smash the local, with more wage cuts to follow.

Under the terms of the agreement which ended the dispute, the company will pay the workers 95 per cent of the wages paid in the previous contract, placing the other 5 per cent in a bank. At the end of the year an impartial arbitrator will decide if the money should go to the workers or to the company.

The local also accuses the Mergenthaler Company, the largest manufacturers of linotypes in the world, of planning to fire 300 to 400 workers regardless of seniority.

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Real National Income Close to 1929 Figure

As a result of a ten-year study, the Department of Commerce reports that per capita income in the United States was \$540 in 1937, \$494 in 1936, as compared to \$668, the highest total reached, in 1929.

Total national income is given as \$63,500,000,000 in 1937, a gain of 10 per cent over that of 1936, 100 per cent over that of 1932, but still behind the \$81,100,000,000 reported for 1929.

In 1937, the report continued, the national income was 14 per cent below that of 1929, compared with declines of 9 per cent in wholesale prices and 15 per cent in the cost of living. These indicated real income in 1937 closely approximating that of 1929, according to the department's analysis, which also directed attention to the fact that the population of the nation increased by nearly eight million, or 6 per cent, from 1929 to 1937. The report stated further:

"The manufacturing industry accounted for 24 per cent of the national income in both 1929 and 1937, as compared to only 14.1 per cent in 1932. Government service, excluding work relief activities, contributed 8.1 per cent in 1929, 16.8 per cent in 1932, and 10.9 per cent in 1937.

"Total compensation of employees accounted for 67.4 per cent of income paid out in 1937. This compares with 65.6 per cent in 1929, and 64.4 per cent in 1932. The proportion of the national income which interest represents increased substantially from 1929 to 1932, and then decreased to approximately the same proportion in 1937, as in 1929. Dividends, on the other hand, declined substantially in relative importance from 1929 to 1933 and increased thereafter."

Christmas Spirit Is Invoked

By Masters, Mates and Pilots

More than 200 members of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, West Coast Local No. 90, and ladies were guests of the organization at its second annual Christmas dinner at Eagles' Hall on Thursday night of last week.

All members of the organization whose ships are in port and all unemployed had been invited to the affair, made possible through the co-operation of employed members and maritime industry employers.

Presiding was Captain C. F. May, president of the organization.

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Run o' the Hook

By A. B. CRACKBON
Acting President Typographical Union No. 21

A tribute to the memory of our late president, George S. Hollis, was paid by the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday, when it adjourned out of respect to three men who have recently passed away. They were Mr. Hollis, Arthur Dolan of the Police Department and Gilbert Weigle, former newspaper man.

Sorry to chronicle the news that William Webster of Abbot-Brady's is having a rough session with sickness, and his friends, of which No. 21 numbers hundreds, will wish him not only speedy recovery but a happy New Year.

It is a pleasure to record that Manuel Lombardero of Crocker-Union is on the road to recovery. An accident confined him to Mary's Help Hospital, but by the time this appears in print it is hoped he will be once more at home.

The Sports Committee requests that the remainder of softball uniforms still in possession of players be turned in by January 1 in order that they may be stored intact for the coming spring season.

F. E. Holderby, first vice-president, injured in an automobile accident, should be out on crutches shortly if bad luck stays away. And it is not any secret, either, that everybody here at headquarters will be glad to see him on the job, the writer in particular, as the position of chief executive is no bed of roses—believe it or not.

Ben Noble of the "Chronicle" had to lay off due to a severe cold that verged on influenza.

It is reported from New York that members of No. 6 again voted against the proposal to assess themselves 1 cent a month to assist the A.F.L. in its organizing campaign.—Los Angeles "Citizen."

Notes this week will be decidedly short; in fact, this is all of them. But I must not conclude without a New Year's greeting to members of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21. That 1939 may bring happiness and prosperity to you, one and all, is the worst I wish for any of you!

Call-Bulletins—By "Hoot"

With Santa Claus having been and gone, lots of new shirts, ties, socks, etc., are seen.

The chapel got several cards from friends. But we failed to see the label on any of them.

Henry Bender, however, thinks it's about time that the spread of ideas from other countries should be stopped. Last year Henry, having a generous streak, sent one of the editorial forces a

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special Scotch card. This year, to Henry's surprise, he received the same identical card. Bet you can't guess the nationality of the chap who returned Henry's card. His last name is McLean.

The chapel sent two of its sick members Christmas reminders. To Charles E. Marshall it sent a sweater and some handkerchiefs. To George Mitchell, Sr., it sent some cigars and some Scotch soda pop with a three-star brand.

Quite a few of the boys attended the funeral of President George Hollis.

Messrs. Riegelhuth, Sheridan and Fitzgerald are now probably the oldest in service in the chapel.

The next thing on the agenda is the making of New Year resolutions. A leather medal will be presented the person who keeps his resolution the longest. We promise to stay on the wagon for another year, we hope, we hope.

Charles Marshall asks us to give his most sincere thanks for the Christmas gifts.

And now, we wish all our friends and co-workers a happy and prosperous New Year.

"News" Chapel Notes—By L. L. Heagney

No contest developed in the "News" chairmanship election and C. W. Abbott, incumbent, walked into office by unanimous vote for his third term. Dick Smith, also incumbent, encountered no opposition for the secretaryship.

A hospitalization plan for "News" employees becomes effective January 1. It is to supplement a \$30-per-week sickness insurance the office negotiated with Travelers' Insurance Company some years ago. The combined sick and hospitalization plans will cost printers who sign up approximately \$6 per month.

At this festal time of the year gentlemen occasionally vocalize on the virtues of a decent observance of starting a new year without internal moisture to offset the external, on the theory, possibly, that weepy skies agree best with abstinence. Elucidating although not condescending to advertise monikers, it can be proved at least a dozen here have foreshown for New Year's that which "makes the life of the party."

Very infrequently are typists permitted to rest on a whippet entirely without charge. But this inestimable privilege befell our chapel when Jimmie D. and his owner paraded the composing room in quest of a "good home" for the dog. One "fell" for it, transferred the canine to his domicile, but scarce had the diurnal luminary peered coyly above the eastern horizon next a. m. than he himself initiated a search for a "good home." "That animal," he volunteered, "is light in color—but not in appetite. Why, a six-bit porterhouse was just a snack for him." However, he revealed this after he had discovered a good home, an apprentice supplying that. But apprentices are apprentices because they want to learn, ain't they?

Bulletin—The gentleman who actually presented a valuable whippet to an apprentice wants broadcast his willingness to separate himself from a

glossy feline. Anybody wishing to own a cat can have his on one condition—they take the family, too.

Reading of that New York drug store scandal, George Holland asked if it's really necessary to take a course in Sing Sing before graduating into Wall Street. . . . Dangers of proofreading . . . not, as many might surmise, from irate operators, but from lead poisoning. Mrs. Julia Turner must have read some awful proofs, for she had to take to her bed a couple of weeks with a severe attack, right at Christmas time, too! . . . Such is the contrariness of events. . . . C. V. Liggett is perturbed, puzzled and not to be placated. Christmas twelve months ago he mailed not one greeting card and was the recipient of eighty-odd. This season he invested "genuine jack" and mailed old and new buddies a holiday greeting—and in return received exactly none. . . . Queried if his rosy proboscis came from a bad cold, Harry Beach wheezed, "No, just a shine for '39." . . . Ina Rickard hied to Salt Lake City to holiday with friends. . . . Bill Gobin Christmased with friends in Santa Cruz. . . . Tommy Roberts' sister came to town for the holidays, the first Tommy has seen of her in several years. . . . E. M. Blackford enjoyed his Christmas, his sister and brother-in-law being here over the festive period. . . . Frank Snow also welcomed a brother from the Midwest, first time in a number of years the brothers had met. . . . Frank Vaughn chose to celebrate the Great Day by helping make fellow workers happy—cigars and cigarettes being the medium. . . . Herb Hale cautions gentlemen observing New Year's Eve to remember California law forbids one to ride his horse into public taverns. . . . Eddie Porter bought property for a Christmas present to Mrs. Porter, just an apartment house. . . . A happy New Year to all.

Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The untimely passing of George S. Hollis, president of Typographical Union No. 21, came as a shock to his many mailer friends. He was kindly and considerate of his fellow man and drew to himself a wide circle of friends who will regret his passing. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

At their last annual convention M.T.D.U. officers, with a lamentable lack of accomplishments for their rank and file, have balloons up on proposed new laws to be voted on in the December referendum. Another nice little bill of expense to be added to disbursements! It is to be hoped the new law proposals will be defeated. But if enacted they will probably mean no more than present laws, the latter never having been complied with by its officers except in rare instances, and then only when they probably figured it would be politically expedient to do so. The ultimate object of the sponsors of those new laws is, apparently, to give those officers a more autocratic control over its members. One section of the proposed new laws says in effect that the findings of the executive council of the M.T.D.U. shall be final, if there is evidence to support them. Such a proposition is too far-fetched entirely, being in conflict with I.T.U. law. It is perhaps needless to point out that in a test case the right of appeal to the I.T.U. would be sustained, the latter being the parent body, the M.T.D.U. subordinate thereto.

Proportionally, the overhead of the M.T.D.U. has been greater than that of any other international, with a surprising lack of benefits to its rank and file.

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Three Radio Companies Refuse "Hot" Business

The strike of the American Communications Association against Press Wireless, which normally carries the bulk of dispatches for the press associations, last week brought the intervention of the United States Navy, which undertook the transmission of news dispatches to Honolulu.

All news from San Francisco to Honolulu and the Orient became "hot" as an outgrowth of the strike.

Commercial radio telegraph companies with a single exception announced their employees had refused to handle press material, which A.C.A. had designated as "hot."

Commercial Pacific Cables, whose employees are not affiliated with the A.C.A., at first refused then later said they would relay United Press and Associated Press messages to and from the Orient.

Naval radio, operated by the navy and handling only navy business, was instructed from Washington to accept press files in the event it was determined locally that a complete stoppage of commercial routes existed.

Later the Associated Press said such files were being transmitted.

Mervyn Rathborne, president of the A.C.A., said in New York: "United States Navy radio facilities have been offered . . . It looks as if it was a move by the government to break the strike."

An Associated Press dispatch from New York added that operators of Globe, R.C.A. and Mackay radio refused to handle dispatches in sympathy with twenty-one employees of Press Wireless who struck in San Francisco and Honolulu two weeks ago.

In New York a "slow-down" of cable employees forced diversion of most cable messages from Europe, handled by the Commercial Cable Company, a division of Postal Telegraph, to other concerns.

Cooks' Union News

By C. W. PILGRIM

Monday, December 26, dinner was served in the Cooks' Union hall to about 225 of our members. Everything went off in good shape and all who were present were very well satisfied with the arrangements and the meal that was provided. The Haywards Catering Company, which had the contract, gave very good service and excellent food for our money. We recommend this firm to other unions whenever they may have use for the services of a catering company.

The arbitration award has already had an effect on the hotel workers. It seems that Joe Marino, the late secretary of Local 283, who was one of the negotiating committee and one of the signers of the award, has had a change of heart and is now dissatisfied with the results obtained, and along with the other officers of Local 283 has staged a revolt, captured the books and mailing list, withdrawn between \$9000 and \$10,000 from the bank, obtained a new charter from the Building Service Employees, and is now inviting the hotel workers to sign up with a new local (No. 200). You hotel workers should remember that

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you will not better your wages, hours or working conditions by changing the name, number or affiliation of your local organization; that splitting your union will only weaken and not strengthen you; that your strength lies in the solidarity of the labor movement, and that when you split that solidarity you hurt not only yourselves but the whole labor movement at the same time. Petty squabbles about jurisdiction in the past have been the rock on which many an organization has founded.

You hotel workers must give this matter very serious thought and consideration. Be sure you don't jump out of the frying pan into the fire. Remember that all your agreements with the hotel owners are through Local 283, with the Local Joint Board of the Culinary Unions, and that you have the rest of the workers affiliated with that Joint Board to consider as well as yourselves. Remember also that it was the same workers who for many years spent time, energy and money in efforts to organize you, and made sacrifices on purpose to solidify the labor movement, not to split it. Think this over, boys and girls, before you make your final decision.

Meanwhile don't patronize any store that does not carry a union house card, and demand to be served by a clerk wearing a union button.

Marin Teamsters' Union Sues Motor Car Dealers

A suit asking \$24,000 damages and an injunction to force the termination of an alleged boycott was filed in the Marin County Superior Court at San Rafael last week by Teamsters' Union No. 624 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters against the Motor Car Dealers' Association of Marin County.

This action, which reverses the usual order of employee-employer disputes, was brought on behalf of thirty-one mechanics, and charges they were locked out of sixteen San Rafael garages during a labor dispute in violation of the labor law requiring arbitration.

It demands \$4000 in wages and \$20,000 exemplary damages. The lockout assertedly began last November 22.

A further demand for an injunction to compel the dealers to open their garages, which have been closed since the November date, was set for hearing December 30 before Superior Judge Edward I. Butler.

Leon Smith, president of the dealers' association, said statements in the complaint were "mistaken" and that the employers had attempted to arbitrate.

Union officials declared, however, that a meeting which was called by a Chamber of Commerce committee was not arbitration under the labor law, which requires a federal arbitrator to conduct proceedings.

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Out-of-State Families Entering California

The records of the Agricultural Plant Quarantine border stations have just been compiled, showing that 1302 out-of-state families in need of manual employment entered California during the month of November, 1938, according to Jonathan Garst, regional director of the Farm Security Administration.

Garst pointed out that these figures are issued in terms of families, a family consisting of 4.65 individuals, according to Farm Security Administration calculations, because in the past the total number of men, women and children coming across the border has been confused with the number of families.

The border stations of the Plant Quarantine make a count of incoming people in need of work, and they indicate they have little difficulty in distinguishing such people from ordinary travelers. Garst points out, however, that the records only show workers entering California, and take no account whatever of those leaving the state. There is, of course, a very considerable flow of such families leaving California. Since the first of June, 1935, 60,759 families in need of manual employment have arrived in California from out of the state by automobile.

The record of the inflow by years shows that in the last seven months of 1935, 9152 families arrived; during the full year of 1936, 18,244 families arrived; in the year of 1937, 19,519 families arrived.

Garst says that if the flow continues as it has throughout the current year we can expect that by the end of December 14,833 families will have arrived during 1938.

The decrease in numbers crossing the border has been sharper since April, 1938, than at any time since the border count was started.

"The decrease can only be ascribed to the fact that there was not work available in California," said Garst. "And all of our experience indicates that these people come to California in search of work and not in search of relief."

"RED" INVITATION DECLINED

Because of alleged "red" influences in the American League for Peace and Democracy, which is sponsoring the forthcoming American Congress of Peace and Democracy, scheduled to meet in Washington the first week in January, the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs voted to decline an invitation to participate in the Congress.

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S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, MARKet 6304.

Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, December 23, 1938

Called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President John F. Shelley.

Roll Call of Officers—Vice-President Palacios excused.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

Credentials—Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, James J. McTiernan vice Kenneth Gates; Civil Service Maintenance Employees' Union No. 66A, George Bosch, S. J. Charcho, P. L. Schlesinger and Maurice Bride; Hotel and Apartment Clerks No. 283, J. W. Rosen vice Mary Sullivan. Delegates seated.

Communications—Referred to secretary: International Union of Cleaning and Dye House Workers, advising the Council that the charter of Local No. 93 has been revoked. Chamber of Commerce, acknowledging receipt of information that Council does not authorize or approve of local unions hiring promoters to manage and conduct balls and other social functions for them.

Filed: Minutes of Building and Construction Trades Council. From State Personnel Board, acknowledging receipt of Council's resolution protesting against age limit of 40 years of candidates for civil service examination for toll collectors. International Union of Bakery and Confectionery Workers of Chicago, Ill., wishing the Council success and the compliments of the season,

WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

Austin Studio, 833 Market.

B & G Sandwich Shops.

Beauty Shops at 133 Geary.

Boussum Photographic Studios, 2320 Mission, 133 Geary.

Curtis Publishing Co., publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."

Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.

Don's Dollar Sedan Service, 925 Larkin.

F. M. Rowles' service stations at Tenth and Mission, Tenth and Bryant, Twelfth and Howard, Post and Larkin, Haight and Stanyan and San Jose and Alemany.

Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.

Golden State Bakery, 1840 Polk.

Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.

Gordon's Sea Food Grotto, Ferry Building.

Haas Bros. Candy Stores.

Howard Automobile Company.

Italian-Swiss Colony (wines and brandies).

Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.

L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.

M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.

Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.

O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.

Pig 'n' Whistle Candy Stores.

Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.

Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.

Riggs Optical Company, Flood Building.

Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.

Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.

Standard Oil Company.

Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster streets.

Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.

Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.

Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

All non-union independent taxicabs.

Barber shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeyman Barbers' Union are unfair.

Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists' Union No. 148-A are unfair.

and sending the 1939 calendar. Vice-President Joseph Lewis of the West Coast district, extending to the Council the season's greetings.

Referred to Labor Clarion: Bay Counties District Council of Painters, transmitting its list of fair manufacturers of paint.

Referred to State Federation of Labor: Request that the two firms, Dodge & Co. and Carl Enterman & Sons, of Los Angeles, be placed on the "We Don't Patronize List."

Referred to the Executive Committee: Check for \$50, donation to Retail Department Stores Union No. 1100, for the campaign against Kress and Newberry stores, by Elevator Operators and Starters' Union, Local 117.

Resolution, in Memoriam—George S. Hollis, president of Typographical Union No. 21, in commemoration of labor's great loss in his recent death. Adopted by a rising vote, and the standing in silence by the delegates for one minute; and resolved that when the Council adjourn this evening it do so in memory of his valuable services and excellent character.

Report of the Executive Committee—Complaint of Auto Mechanics No. 1305 against David Lerer Truck Wrecking Company, 375 Eleventh street, laid over to Tuesday, January 3, 1939, to enable the parties to meet with the committee. Complaint of Local Joint Executive Board against Schroeder Cafe, 111 Front street, was heard, and it was agreed that the representatives of the unions and of the cafe would hold a consultation and agree upon the classification of the various employees and their respective duties, and that hereafter the rules of the union would govern the parties affected. Committee also heard the controversy of the culinary unions with Haas candy stores, and that the representatives of the unions and of the firm would also get together and arrange the various positions and wage scales involved. The committee discussed the controversy of Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, and the reinstatement of four clerks who failed to be reinstated as promised after taking part in the strike of Department Store Employees' Local 1100, and were advised to take the matter up with the special committee of the stores in question and arbitrate the matter if not conceded without further question. The union was also advised to give the names and addresses of the stores failing to comply with the established union conditions of other stores. Report concurred in.

Reports of Unions—Culinary unions reported that the officers of Hotel and Apartment Clerks No. 283 have changed the affiliation of that local from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees to that of the Building Service Employees' International Union, and the developments of that action which are now in the local courts. Electrical Workers No. 537 expressed their best wishes of the season to the Council and its affiliated unions. Cleaners and Dye House Workers No. 7 reported that they have settled their differences regarding membership, and continue to have trouble with the establishment of Phil Reis. Retail Shoe Clerks reported having settled their differences with employers and have signed an agreement with the Retailers' Council which is to continue until 1940. Building Service Employees No. 87 are going to hold a conference with the office building managers on a new wage scale and conditions. The Bakery Workers are negotiating with employers, principally retailers, and are discussing a new agreement; also they have signed a new agreement with the Latin bakers and French bakeries; contributed \$50 to the strikers involved in the Kress and Newberry stores. Operating Engineers No. 64 reported that they now have seventy-five agreements in effect in their industry and felicitate the movement upon the continued advance. Web Pressmen No. 4 stated they have contributed \$350 to the Department Store Employees. The Pharmacists are progressing and are negotiating a new contract with

employers. The Opticians will hold a consent election in the industry. Butchers No. 508 are tendering the compliments of the season to all unions. Miscellaneous Employees No. 110 have donated \$20 for the benefit of the children of the strikers involved in the Kress and Newberry stores.

Report of the Law and Legislative Committee—Will hold a special meeting Tuesday evening, January 3, 1939, when the committee desires representation from Masters, Mates and Pilots on their proposal for providing legal advice to the affiliated unions, and when committee will also consider a number of measures to be introduced in the State Legislature. Committee heard the proposal of Hospital and Institutional Employees for a charter amendment which will establish a minimum wage for city employees coming under civil service of 50 cents an hour or \$106 a month, and recommend that copies of the proposal be sent to the Board of Supervisors and to the Civil Service Commission of this city. Report concurred in.

Report of Organizing Committee—Application for affiliation of the Newspaper Solicitors, Federal Labor Union No. 21849, was heard; all necessary requirements having been met, committee recommended the affiliation of this union, delegates to be seated in January. Committee held a lengthy discussion on the application of Newspaper Distributors No. 21445, and heard the protests of Bill Posters, Billers and Circular Distributors, News-vendors and Newspaper Periodical Drivers, who all objected to the proposed invasion of their jurisdiction, and stated that the State Federation of Labor in sanctioning the charter had failed to make proper investigation. Committee therefore recommended that the question be referred to President Green of the American Federation of Labor and President Abernathy of the International Alliance of Bill Posters, Billers and Circular Distributors of America. Report concurred in.

Report of Committee on Education—Committee reported through Chairman Daniel C. Murphy, and recommended that the Labor Council comply with the suggestion of Federation of Teachers No. 61, and appoint Brothers Daniel C. Murphy and Edward Gallagher to represent the Council on the Educational Committee proposed by Samuel Langer and Arthur W. Brouillet, and the organizations which they represent. Recommended further that the Council indorse the proposal of the American Federation of Labor through its Educational Committee for the holding of an essay contest participated in by the high school pupils here and nationally on the subject, "Organized Labor—America's Problem or Opportunity," with the arrangement that such essays will be appraised as to merit by the National Committee on Education of the A.F.L., and that prizes in the form of silver cups be awarded to the winners of the contest. Mr. Murphy also reported on his observations on the organization of young people to take part in the so-called "Youth's Legislature," and recommended that it be studied by the Council's committee. On motion the recommendations were adopted.

New Business—Moved that the Council adjourn for two weeks and meet again Friday evening, January 6, 1939. Motion adopted.

Moved that the officers of the Council and staff convey to the delegates and affiliated unions their hearty wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Motion adopted.

Receipts, \$641.60; expenditures, \$391.50.

Council adjourned at 10 p. m.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

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Retail Shoe Clerks Negotiate Agreement

Conclusion of negotiations which extended over a lengthy period was heralded on Thursday of last week, when the Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen's Union and the Retailers' Council signed a formal contract.

The agreement, which already had been approved by the union, affects approximately five hundred men and women employed by twenty-three San Francisco firms.

Under the new contract, employees with two years' continuous service credit will be given two weeks' vacation with pay. The old agreement provided one week.

Wage increases were provided for cashiering, combined wrapping and selling and for selling of hosiery and bags or similar accessories. The previous wage scale of \$33.60 weekly for shoe salesmen was unchanged.

Disputes growing out of the contract will be referred to a labor relations board provided by the contract.

MINE WORKERS ASSESSED

Officials of the United Mine Workers of America, at Washington, headed by John L. Lewis, C.I.O. president, disclosed last week a special assessment of \$1 had been levied on each member of the union, reported to number 612,000. Union officials said the assessment was voted by the international board, but they refused to say for what purpose it would be used. Regular monthly dues amount to \$1.50 per member.

Fair and Unfair Paints

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a reminder that the Sherwin-Williams and du Pont de Nemours paint companies are on the official "We Don't Patronize" list. You may rest assured that this action was taken by organized labor only after a careful and honest consideration of the situation.

All journeymen painters will be penalized when found using any of the products made by the above-mentioned companies.

At the present writing there are in the Bay area alone fifty union manufacturers as follows:

National Lead Co., Oakland; National Lead Co., San Francisco; General Paint Corporation, Paraffine Companies, Inc., Garrett M. Goldberg Paint Co., American Marine Co., DeBoom Paint Co., DeGregory Paint Co., West Paint Co., Beedle Paint Co., Associated Paint Co., Dodge Koren Paint Co., National Lacquer Co., Everard Paint Co., Dannenbaum Paint Co., Sterling Paint Co., Caldow Paint Co., D. J. Carty Paint Co., Inter-coastal Paint Co., J. M. Rich Paint Co., Ind. Minerals and Chem. Co., Fuller & Clarkson Co., Irwin Paint Co., Crosbie-Sarale Co., Standard Paint Co., Glidden Paint Co., R. N. Nason Co., D. H. Rhodes Co., Yates & Smart Paint Co., Foster & Kleiser Co., The Muralo Co., Dan. P. Maher Paint Co., Kunst Bros. Paint Co., A. R. Reid Co., Goss & Goss Putty Co., Riener Paint Co., Daniell Paint Co., Rainbow Oil Color Co., Rightway Products Co., Triangle Paint Co., Dunne Paint Co., W. C. Kalsomine Co., Albrite Paint Co., Butler Paint Co., Golden West Paint Co., Boysen Paint Co., Pacific Paint and Varnish

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W. J. BURCHELL, Secretary,
District Council of Painters No. 8.

Copies are being mailed to all contractors in this vicinity.

San Francisco, Calif., December 15, 1938.

Nut Concern Unfair

Editor Labor Clarion:

The Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County, at its regular meeting Friday, December 16, placed the Pacific Coast Nut House, Sixth and Keyes streets, San Jose, on the unfair list, and strike sanction was granted Dried Fruit and Nut Packers' Union, Local 21084.

The products of the Pacific Coast Nut House, mainly walnut kernels, are unfair, and we are asking members of organized labor to refuse to purchase or use products of this company, since all shipments being made now are through the picket lines of this organization.

The Pacific Coast Nut House has refused to sign an agreement with the Dried Fruit and Nut Packers, and continues to pay a wage far below that enjoyed by organized workers in the valley. Every form of intimidation has been used by the management to keep the workers from organizing, and at the present writing charges are now in the hands of the National Labor Relations Board against this company, filed by the union.

The Central Labor Council and the Dried Fruit and Nut Packers' Union solicit support in the case, and by refusing to purchase or use the products of the Pacific Coast Nut House you will be doing your bit in the fight.

Fraternally yours,
E. J. DAVIES,
Secretary Central Labor Council,
Santa Clara County.

San Jose, Calif., December 27, 1938.

Radio Advertising

A warning that the Congress of the United States will very likely limit the amount of advertising on radio programs unless the broadcasting systems reduce it voluntarily was given by Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana in an address at the annual banquet of the Federal Communications Bar Association in Washington.

He said he realized that radio stations must secure an income from advertising, but he also expressed the conviction that much too large a portion of broadcasting time is used in promoting the sale of goods and services. He declared that when approximately half of a fifteen-minute program is consumed by commercial advertising the effectiveness is greatly lessened and the listeners realize the program is not attractive.

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Auto License Renewal Will Begin Next Week

First on the order of business starting the new year for California's millions of car owners will be renewal of automobile registration and securing new license plates for 1939.

Promptly on the morning of Tuesday, January 3, after the week-end New Year holiday, the renewal period will get under way. It will close at midnight, February 4.

Those who fail to apply before the time limit will be penalized by law with a doubled registration fee and a 50 per cent increase in the amount of license fee based on car valuation.

The regular registration fee is \$3 for private passenger automobiles and the license fee is at the rate of \$1.75 per \$100 of value. Postcard notices of the total amount due are mailed in advance of the renewal period by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The postcard should be preserved and presented with the 1938 certificate of car registration when applying for 1939 plates.

Registration will be renewed and plates issued by the department at its various offices and by the California State Automobile Association to member motorists at offices in principal cities throughout northern and central California.

Plates for 1939 have an entirely new color scheme of gold lettering on a blue background. They also bear the words, "California World's Fair '39," to herald the Golden Gate International Exposition.

RUBBER STRIKE ENDS

Ending a strike of five months, affecting 230 men directly, the Pioneer Rubber Company of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, was to resume operations this week under a contract which has been approved, it was announced by Herman Stuyvelaar, secretary of the San Francisco C.I.O. Council.

REMOVAL OF McCARTHY APPROVED

Utilities Manager Cahill's removal of John J. McCarthy as Municipal Railway supervisor of maintenance during his probationary period was approved by the Public Utilities Commission this week. J. H. Narwood, second on the civil service list, replaced McCarthy. Union spokesmen protested.

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Prize Essay Contest

The American Federation of Teachers is sponsoring a prize essay contest for pupils of public high schools throughout the country, the subject of which is "Organized Labor—America's Problem or Opportunity."

The prizes to be awarded will consist of a large gold-plated cup (a permanent trophy), to be inscribed with the name of the winner from year to year, with the name of the winner's school and the year of the award. Three smaller cups also will be awarded as first, second and third prizes, and honorable mention or small awards to all who participate in the public reading of the papers.

Labor Council Is Sponsor

This contest has received the sanction of the San Francisco Labor Council, and its Education Committee will seek to secure permission from the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Joseph P. Nourse to conduct an elimination contest in the local schools. Superintendent Nourse will be asked to appoint a committee of teachers from each school to conduct the contest and select the three best essays. The committee also will ask permission to hold an evening meeting in one of the school auditoriums for the reading of the essays and the awarding of the prizes.

First copies of all essays are to be sent to the national office of the American Federation of Teachers, to reach there by March 31, to compete for the national prizes. Only the carbon copies

will be kept in San Francisco for the elimination contest.

The national prizes are as follows: First, \$125 or aid toward visiting the World's Fair in New York, if preferred; second, \$75; third, \$50; fourth, \$25.

Mrs. Roosevelt Is Judge

The judges are Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Jerome Davis, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

Every high school student in America is eligible to compete.

Wage Standardization

What has been termed a step toward salary standardization for municipal employees was recommended to the Board of Supervisors this week by Supervisor Roncovieri, speaking for the board's finance committee.

The committee report favored increases to prevailing scales in private employment for unionized per diem workers, at an estimated cost for the first year of \$677,000, and such other relief for lower paid employees as city finances would permit.

The city financial position will depend upon the outcome of the federal court's Hetch Hetchy decision and the demands next year for welfare and relief, the report emphasized. The Civil Service Commission was requested to bring its report on proposed standardized scales up to date.

Jurisdictional Question

A restraining order was granted last week by Superior Judge Robinson, returnable December 29, prohibiting the picketing of the Hotel Oxford, which resulted from a dispute between Building Service Employees' Union No. 200, composed of bolters from Hotel Employees' Union No. 283, and the latter union.

The petition said the Oxford had a contract with the hotel employees which provided that all workers should join Local 283; that Wednesday two employees had informed the employer they had resigned from that local and he had suggested they quit their jobs, which they did. The following day, it was set forth, picketing of the hotel started.

Delegates from the newly formed union appeared before the Labor Council Friday night and asked to be seated.

Hugo Ernst, vice-president of the International Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Alliance, parent organization of the original group, said the absorption of No. 283 by the building union was an attempt "to organize along the lines of Chicago by threats and intimidation."

MILK WAGON DRIVERS' RUN-OFF

A run-off election held by Milk Wagon Drivers' Union No. 226 on Wednesday, December 21, resulted in victory for Dan Coleman over Tommy Morrison, the incumbent, for vice-president and Carl Sutter over Jimmy Murray for trustee.

Directory of Unions Affiliated With San Francisco Labor Council

CORRECTED TO DECEMBER 30, 1938

Alaska Cannery Workers No. 21161—1421 Mason. Alaska Fishermen—Meets Fridays during February, March, April and October. 49 Clay.	Letter Carriers—Meet 2nd Friday, 150 Golden Gate Ave.
American Federation of Actors—25 Taylor, Room 302, Golden Gate Blvd.	Lithographers No. 17—693 Mission.
American Federation of Government Employees—83 McAllister, Room 409.	Longshoremen No. 38-79—113 Steuart.
Apartment House Employees No. 14—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p. m., 109 Golden Gate Ave.	Lumber Clerks & Lumber Handlers—3074 Third.
Asphalt Workers No. 1038—R. H. Knapp, 255 San Carlos.	Machinists No. 68—Meet Wednesdays, Labor Temple.
Auto Mechanics No. 1305—Meets Wednesdays, 8 p. m., 108 Valencia.	Mailers No. 18—Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple Sec. Joseph P. Bailey, 1340 Turk.
Automotive Warehousemen No. 241—108 Valencia.	Marine Diesel Engineers No. 22—George De Coursey, 331 Duncan.
Auto Painters No. 1073—200 Guerrero.	Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 40—Room 22, Ferry Bldg.
Automobile Drivers and Demonstrators No. 960—108 Valencia.	Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 89—Bulkhead Pier No. 7, Embarcadero.
Bakers No. 24—Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Labor Temple.	Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90—9 Main.
Bakery Wagon Drivers—Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 112 Valencia.	Metal Polishers & Platers—Meets 3rd Thursday, Labor Temple.
Barbers No. 148—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 112 Valencia.	Milk Wagon Drivers—Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple.
Barbers No. 41—1623½ Market.	Military Workers—Meets 1st Thursday, 5:30 p. m.; 3rd Thursday, 8 p. m., 1067 Market.
Bay District Auxiliary of Bakery and Confectionery Workers—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.	Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 491 Jessie.
Bill Posters No. 44—1886 Mission.	Molders No. 164—Meets Tuesdays, Labor Temple.
Blacksmiths and Helpers—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Labor Temple.	Motion Picture Projectionists—Meets 1st Thursday, 230 Jones.
Boilermakers No. 6—Office, 3004 Sixteenth. Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.	Municipal Park Employees No. 311—200 Guerrero.
Bookbinders—Office, Room 505, 693 Mission. Meets 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.	Musicians No. 6—Meets 2nd Thursday; Executive Board, Tuesday, 230 Jones.
Boot and Shoe Repairers No. 320—Meets 3rd Tuesday, Labor Temple.	Music Operators No. 21522—1002 Golden Gate Avenue.
Boot and Shoe Workers No. 216—321 Lexington. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays.	Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921 (formerly Newspaper Distributors and Circulation Employees No. 20456)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 8 p. m., and last Sunday, 10 a. m., 108 Golden Gate Ave. Underhill 3361.
Bottlers No. 293—Meets 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple.	News Vendors No. 20769—Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays, 991 Mission.
Brewery Drivers—Meets 3rd Tuesday, Labor Temple.	Nurses No. 19923—Room 410, Grant Bldg., 1095 Market. Underhill 1643.
Brewery Workmen No. 7—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.	Office Employees No. 13188—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Labor Temple.
Brieklayers No. 7—200 Guerrero.	Office Employees No. 21320—26 O'Farrell, Rm. 610.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 377—200 Guerrero.	Operating Engineers No. 64—Anglo Building, 16th and Mission.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 491.	Optical Workers No. 18791—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Druids' Temple, 44 Page.
Building Material Drivers No. 216—Meets Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.	Ornamental Iron Workers—200 Guerrero.
Building Service Employees No. 87—Meets 1st Monday, 9:30 a. m.; 3rd Monday, 8 p. m., 109 Golden Gate Ave.	Packers and Preserve Workers No. 20989—513 Valencia.
Butchers No. 115—Meets Wednesdays at Labor Temple.	Painters No. 19—300 Guerrero.
Butchers No. 508—442 Third. Meets 2nd Tuesday, Labor Temple.	Painters No. 1158—112 Valencia.
Candy and Confectionery Workers—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.	Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Makers—Russell Johnson, 1301 York.
California State Utility Laborers No. 1226.	Pastemakers No. 10567—Meets 4th Friday, Labor Temple.
Cannery Workers No. 21106—Antoinette De Bello, Sec. 825 Union.	Patternmakers—Meets 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.
Capmakers' Union—1067 Market.	Pharmacists No. 838—Room 415, Grant Bldg., 1095 Market. Hemlock 1450.
Carpenters No. 483—Meets Mondays, 112 Valencia.	Photo Engravers—Meets 1st Friday, Office, 320 Market.
Casket Workers No. 94—Meet 1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.	Photographers and Allied Crafts—25 Taylor.
Cemetery Workers—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple.	Meets at Labor Temple, 1st Thursdays.
Chaufeurs—Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 112 Valencia.	Plumbers No. 442—200 Guerrero.
Cigarmakers—542 Valencia.	Post Office Clerks—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.
Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089—1182 Market.	Printing Pressmen—Office, 630 Sacramento. Meets 2nd Monday, Labor Temple.
Circular Distributors No. B B 11—49 Duboce. (Affiliated with the Bill Posters' Union.)	Production Machine Operators and Miscellaneous Metal Workers No. 1327—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2915 16th St.
	Professional Embalmers—Wm. J. Williams, Sec. 3944 Cabrillo.
	Public Works Laborers No. 978—James Lally, Rec. Sec., 1312 Utah.
	Rail Delivery Drivers—Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Labor Temple.
	Retail Department Store Clerks No. 1100—25 Taylor.
	Retail Furniture and Appliance Men's Union No. 1285—Room 416, 1095 Market.
	Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410—1095 Market, Room 410. Meets every Tuesday night at Red Men's Hall, 240 Golden Gate Ave.
	Sailors' Union of the Pacific—59 Clay.
	Sanitary Truck Drivers and Helpers No. 350—536 Bryant.
	S. F. and East Bay Steel Die and Copper Plate Engravers and Embossers No. 424—W. F. Schaeppner, Sec., 1320 Lincoln Ave., Burlingame, Calif.
	San Francisco and East Bay Ink and Roller Makers No. 5—Edw. G. Darow, Sec.-Treas., 1033 Santa Fe Avenue, Albany, Calif.
	S. F. Salvage Corps No. 541—2940 Sixteenth.
	S. F. Welders' Lodge No. 1330—1179 Market. Sausagemakers—Meet at 3053 Sixteenth, Thursdays.
	Scrap Iron and Metal Workers No. 965—Labor Temple.
	Sheet Metal Workers No. 104—Meets Fridays, 224 Guerrero.
	Ship Fitters No. 9—3052 Sixteenth.
	Sign and Pictorial Painters—200 Guerrero.
	Special Delivery Messengers No. 23—Ferry Annex.
	Stage Employees No. 16—230 Jones. Franklin 0914.
	Steam Fitters No. 590—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, Labor Temple.
	Steam Shovel Men No. 45—Meets 1st Saturday, 268 Market.
	Stereotypers and Electrotypers—Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.
	Stove Mounters No. 61—Ralph Brown, R. F. D. Box 281, Niles, Calif.
	Stove Mounters No. 62—J. E. Thomas, 143 Moltke, Daly City, Calif.
	Street Carmen, Div. 192—Labor Temple, Oakland.
	Street Carmen, Div. 1004—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple, Office, 1182 Market.
	Street Carmen, Div. 192—Labor Temple, Oakland.
	Twitchmen's Union—John J. Hogan, Sec., 2201 Washington St.
	Teamsters No. 85—Meets Thursdays, 530 Bryant.
	Technical Engineers No. 11—John Coghlan, 70 Lennox Way. Meets 1st Wednesday, Labor Temple.
	Theatrical Employees' Union No. B-18—230 Jones.
	Theatrical Stage Employees—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 230 Jones.
	Tobacco Workers No. 210—Meets 1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.
	Trackmen—Meets 4th Tuesday, Labor Temple.
	Typographical No. 21—Office, 16 First. Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.
	Union Label Section—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple, Market 0610.
	Upholsterers No. 28—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Labor Temple.
	Venetian Blind Workers—378 Irvington, Daly City, Calif.
	Waiters No. 30—1256 Market. Meets every Wednesday at 3 p. m.
	Waitresses No. 48—Office, 966 Market. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m.; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3 p. m., Native Sons' Hall.
	Warehousemen No. 860—400 Brannan, Garfield 2819.
	Water Workers—Meets 3rd Monday, Labor Temple.
	Web Pressmen—Meets 4th Sunday, Labor Temple.
	Window Cleaners No. 44—1119 Mission.